

# NATIONAL COASTAL PROGRAM DREDGING POLICIES

**T**he OCRM/CPD Coastal Management Policy Series provides up to date information about federally-approved state coastal policies. The most recent product in the series is *National Coastal Program Dredging Policies: An Analysis of State, Territory, and Commonwealth Policies Related To Dredging and Dredged Material Management*. This document will be useful to those seeking to know more about individual coastal management program enforceable and non-enforceable policies related to dredging.

This technical document contains a comprehensive inventory of 34 state, territory, and commonwealth coastal management program policies related to dredging, dredged material management, and beneficial use of dredged material. It is a baseline snapshot of where the nation's coastal states stand on dredging policies, individually and cumulatively. Specifically, it covers dredging policies in the following six categories:

- *State Coordination Mechanisms & Permit Processing*
- *Economic Concerns*
- *Habitat, Sediment, & Water Quality*
- *Dredging Techniques & Best Management Practices*
- *Dredged Material Disposal*
- *Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material*

Each coastal program's policies are summarized individually and then are compiled together for a national perspective. This national summary and analysis evaluates the extent and specificity of each policy category. It also recognizes individual programs that are particularly comprehensive in these policy areas and delineates where programs may need to improve their policy base.

This document will be used for assisting: the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in the development of a national policy related to dredging and the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA); states that are struggling with a particular policy issue that may want to learn from other state's experience and successes; the National Dredging Team in its efforts to improve dredging processes; and, federal agencies in planning for dredging activities and complying with CZMA federal consistency requirements.

## Availability

The document is scheduled to be finalized in May 2000. It will be posted in PDF on the Coastal Programs Division's web-page at:

<http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov>

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